

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

This response is being filed responsive to the December 27, 2005 Office Action.

**Claim Summary:**

Claims originally present: 1-39.  
Claims previously canceled: 16.  
Claims previously amended: 18, 23, and 28.  
Claims previously added: none.  
Claims hereby canceled: 1-15, 17 and 32-39.  
Claims hereby amended: none.  
Claims hereby being added: none.  
Claims remaining: 18-31.

Amendment "A"

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
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15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A method of reading data from a storage medium, the data stored to the storage medium through use of an electromagnetic beam, the storage medium attached to a component that serves one or more purposes other than data storage, the method comprising:

emitting energy from a device positioned in proximity to the storage medium, wherein the device is at least one of readable and writeable;  
detecting energy reflected from the storage medium; and  
determining a bit value based on the detected energy.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the component is a printer cartridge.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the device is housed in a printer.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the component is installed in the printer.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the emitting comprises laser emission.

23. (Previously presented) A method of writing data to a storage medium attached to a component that serves one or more purposes other than data storage comprising:

instructing a device, wherein the device is at least one of readable and writeable; and  
emitting energy from the device, the emitting based on the instructing and the device positioned in proximity to the storage medium.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the device is housed in a printer.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the component includes a printer cartridge.
26. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the emitting includes laser emission.
27. (Original) A printer comprising components, at least one of the components having a laser storage medium attached thereto, wherein the storage medium is at least one of readable and writeable.
28. (Previously presented) A method of instructing an image forming device comprising:
- installing a component that serves one or more purposes other than data storage in the image forming device, the component having a storage medium attached thereto, the storage medium comprising stored information, the information stored to the storage medium through use of an electromagnetic beam;
  - reading the stored information; and
  - instructing the image forming device based on the stored information.
29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the component includes a printer cartridge.
30. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the stored information indicates a characteristic of the component.
31. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein the characteristic includes a characteristic selected from at least one of age, use, prior use, compatibility, manufacturer, and fluid level of the component.
32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Cancelled)

End of Amendment "A"